

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

12 June 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

M. Christine Benoit, DMD, Chair Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Vice Chair

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Donald C. Williams

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Staff Members In Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Edward D'Arezzo Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA

Jennifer S. Sternick, JD Dr. Marian Royer RIDA

Pamela Schultz Dr. Deborah Fuller

Linda Phillips Kerri Friel, RIDAA

Mary Ellen Simas, RIDHA

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on May 8, 2013 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A Motion was made by Dr Nager and seconded by Dr. Cappuccino to accept the OPEN Minutes of May 8, 2013. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as amended.

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Administrative Issues:

The Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners Steering Committee meets June 13-14, 2013 in Linthicum, MD. Representing RI are Christine Benoit, Kathleen Gazzola, and Andrew Molak.

PCSSO (Prescribers Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapy) Training holds free webinars specifically for dentists. To register contact Allison Siweka at siweka@ADA.org.

After much discussion about the Statutory Definition of Dentistry and

subsequent Rules and Regs as they relate to the administration of Botox by dentists, the Board decided to table the discussion. Dr Bartro will research how others states are defining the scope of practice for dentistry to encompass cosmetics procedures pertaining to the head and neck.

Ms. Sternick will follow-up on the whereabouts of a letter that was crafted by Dr Samartano, on behalf of the Board, in response to a company (Quest) from Colorado requesting to offer Clinical Training Courses in RI.

Communications:

The Board agreed, as a motion was brought forward by Mr Williams requesting that the Dept. provide a memorandum of understanding describing the roles of the various administrative personnel within the Dept. assigned to assist and guide the Dental Board.

Issued Licenses:

Dr. Joseph Samartano presented the names of those individuals qualifying for licensure to practice Dentistry or Anesthesia Facility Permits.

Ms. Ross presented the names of those individuals qualifying for

licensure in Dental Hygiene.

These names in both categories and facilities were unanimously Approved.

Old Business:

Infection Control Guidelines: After much discussion, the Board agreed that the changes and revisions discussed will be added to the DRAFT, and the discussion will be tabled for the next meeting.

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New Business:

The Board agreed on a new Meeting start time of 8:00am and that in September the meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Dr. Cappuccino and seconded by Dr. Nager to

adjourn to Executive Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting.

-and-

Pursuant to Section 42-46-5 (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Return to OPEN Session:

Final Actions: A Motion was made by Ms. Ross and seconded by Mr. Williams to Seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session of June 12, 2013 pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2) of the R.I.G.L. The Motion carried.

Adjourn: The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting is July 10, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 401, DOH. A Motion was made by Mr. Bertrand and seconded by Dr Nager to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. The Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Susan Perlini, RDH,BS, Secretary
Board of Examiners in Dentistry**